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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

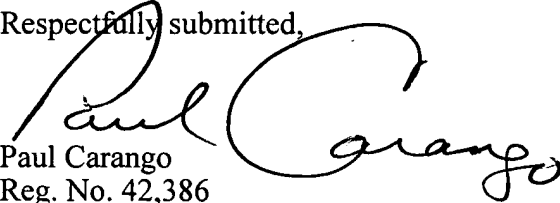
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This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed February 5, 2007. A one month shortened statutory response period was set by the action. This Response is being filed prior to that deadline, and no fee is believed due. If a fee is due, the Director is authorized to charge deposit account 50-2719.

The Applicants hereby elect the claims of group I (claims 1-7, 9, 11 and 16-18) drawn to an isolated nucleic acid molecule, a recombinant vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule, a recombinant host cell comprising the recombinant vector, and an epitope-bearing portion of the polynucleotide encoded by the sequence, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1 and class 435, subclass 320.1. The election is made without traverse.

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